

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3240  
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INDIANS IN FOREIGN JAILS  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Indians lodged in foreign jails with the details of offence against them, country-wise;
- (b) the steps taken to provide them legal assistance; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to protect the innocent Indians languishing in foreign jails?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) A list providing country-wise information on number of Indians in foreign jails is enclosed. The offences involved are illegal entry, illegal overstay, and common criminal offences like fraud, theft, burglary, felony, possession of drugs, misconduct, assault, murder etc.

(b)&(c) Indian Missions abroad provide all possible assistance to Indian nationals in foreign jails, including their early repatriation to India wherever possible, speedy trial, proper treatment and living conditions and ensure that there is no miscarriage of justice.

Sl.No. Country `Number of Indians  
jailed abroad`

|    |                      |     |
|----|----------------------|-----|
| 1  | Algeria              | 9   |
| 2  | Argentinian          | 3   |
| 3  | Armenia              | 1   |
| 4  | Austria              | Nil |
| 5  | Australia            | 1   |
| 6  | Azerbaijan           | Nil |
| 7  | Bahrain              | 163 |
| 8  | Bangladesh           | 738 |
| 9  | Belgium              | 14  |
| 10 | Belize               | Nil |
| 11 | Bhutan               | 30  |
| 12 | Bolivia              | Nil |
| 13 | Botswana             | 5   |
| 14 | Brazil               | Nil |
| 15 | Brunei               | Nil |
| 16 | Bulgaria             | Nil |
| 17 | Burkina Faso         | Nil |
| 18 | Canada               | 1   |
| 19 | Central African Rep. | Nil |
| 20 | Chile                | Nil |
| 21 | China                | 34  |
| 22 | Colombia             | Nil |
| 23 | Comodia              | 1   |
| 24 | Comoros              | Nil |
| 25 | Cote d'Ivoire        | Nil |
| 26 | Croatia              | Nil |
| 27 | Cuba                 | 4   |
| 28 | Cyprus               | 49  |
| 29 | Czech Republic       | 1   |
| 30 | Denmark              | 9   |
| 31 | Djibouti             | Nil |
| 32 | El Salvador          | Nil |
| 33 | Ethiopia             | Nil |
| 34 | Fiji                 | Nil |
| 35 | Finland              | 1   |
| 36 | France               | 190 |
| 37 | Germany              | Nil |
| 38 | Ghana                | Nil |
| 39 | Greece               | 198 |

40 Guatemala Nil  
41 Guinea Nil  
42 Guyana Nil  
43 Honduras Nil  
44 Hong Kong 39  
45 Hungary 3  
46 Indonesia 3  
47 Iran 4  
48 Ireland Nil  
49 Israel 170  
50 Italy 39  
51 Jamaica 2  
52 Japan 2  
53 Jordan 4  
54 Kuwait 134  
55 Latvia Nil  
56 Lebanon 160  
57 Liberia Nil  
58 Libya 11  
59 Macedonia Nil  
60 Madagascar 2  
61 Malaysia 568  
62 Maldives 12  
63 Mexico Nil  
64 Mongolia Nil  
65 Mozambique Nil  
66 Myanmar 50  
67 Namibia Nil  
68 Netherlands 152  
69 Nicaragua Nil  
70 Niger Nil  
71 Oman 22  
72 Pakistan 1182  
73 Panama 3  
74 Papua New Guinea Nil  
75 Peru Nil  
76 Poland 1  
77 Portugal 5  
78 Qatar 21  
79 Russian Federation 120  
80 Saudi Arabia 1160  
81 Serbia and Montenegro 5  
82 Seychelles Nil  
83 Sierra Leone Nil  
84 Singapore 345  
85 Slovak Republic 12  
86 Solomon Islands Nil  
87 South Africa 3  
88 Sri Lanka 3  
89 Sudan Nil  
90 Swaziland Nil  
91 Sweden Nil  
92 Switzerland 4  
93 Syria 10  
94 Tajikistan 1  
95 Tanzania 2  
96 Thailand 31  
97 Togo Nil  
98 Tunisia Nil  
99 Turkey 45  
100 U.A.E. 597  
101 U.K. 233  
102 U.S.A 101  
103 Uganda Nil  
104 Ukraine 231  
105 Uzbekistan Nil  
106 Vanuatu Nil  
107 Vietnam Nil  
108 Yemen Nil  
109 Zimbabwe

TOTAL 6944